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From: Kathy Landess [countrylady4b@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2008 9:19 PM
To: Robbins, Joanne
Subject: Proclamation Request

Mike Anderson

City of Lafayette

Dear Mayor Anderson:

My name is Kathy Landess and I am writing on behalf of The Silver Star Families of America (SSFoA) in the state of California. SSFoA (www.silverstarfamilies.org) is a 501 c 3 organization that was formed to remember our wounded by honoring them with a Silver Star Banner or Flag. We also provide services like care packages to our wounded and maintain a Yahoo message board where we try to provide a safe place for families to talk, pass along vital information and to gather data they would have difficulty finding by themselves.

On May 1st 2008 46 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands and over 180 towns and cities across the country joined with us and declared "Silver Star Banner" day to remember the wounded and ill of our Armed Forces. http://www.silverst arfamilies. org/SilverStarDa y2008.html. Across the country, in Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan the wounded and ill from ALL wars were remembered and honored.

What happened next surprised us. We received notes and letters from many towns thanking us for including them AND we started to get complaints from Mayors across the country who wanted to know why they were not included. The simple answer is that we did not have the manpower to reach out to everyone in a very short window of time. Many states, towns and cities have a "one month before the event" rule and there were only so many we could contact.

As we discussed this years Silver Star Banner Day and started to make plans for 2009, someone said, "You know I bet we could have gotten 500 cities across the country." Then the President of our organization said, "Why not 5,000?" The timeframe to contact, make the request, and for it to go through the process of being approved was estimated at one year. The proposed 5000 cities equates to 100 from every state in the Union.

So we are asking you to join with us NOW to remember and honor our wounded. Suspend your time limits and issue Proclamations for Silver Star Banner day, 2009 and submit to SSFoA National as soon as possible. On May 1st of 2009 we want to tell the media and our wounded that 5000 cities and towns all over the country are thinking and praying for them. A sample proclamation is attached below.

Once your proclamations are received and documented by National, they will be donated to the Stars and Stripes Museum where the original Silver Star Flag is on display for all to see. This is what the 2009 page will look like: http://www.silverst arfamilies. org/SilverStarBa nnerDay2009. html

Please join with us to give our wounded and ill the nation's biggest THANK YOU ever. We thank you for your patriotism and care/respect for the wounded and ill of our Armed Forces.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Steve Newton (SSFoA Founder). Our contact info appears below. Even if you cannot meet the timeline, we would greatly appreciate knowing we have your interest and support.

The signed proclamation may be sent to The Silver Star Families of America (National), 525 Cave Hollow Road, Clever, MO 65631. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathy Landess

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Lafayette has always honored the sacrifice of the men and women in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America was formed to make sure we remember the blood sacrifice of our wounded and ill by designing and manufacturing a Silver Star Banner and Flag; and

WHEREAS, to date The Silver Star Families of America has freely given thousands of Silver Star Banners to the wounded and their families; and

WHEREAS, the members of The Silver Star Families of America have worked tirelessly to provide the wounded of this City and Country with Silver Star Banners, Flags and care packages; and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America's sole mission is that every time someone sees a Silver Star Banner in a window or a Silver Star Flag flying, that people remember the sacrificed for this City, State and Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on behalf of the Lafayette City Council I hereby proclaim May 1, 2009

SILVER STAR BANNER DAY

the permanent and official day to honor the wounded and ill soldiers of the City of Lafayette.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Lafayette this 8th day of September, 2008.

Mike Anderson, Mayor

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